

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-17, 19, and 21-27 have been canceled, and claims 6, 8, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claims 6, 8, 18, and 20 remain in this application, of which claims 6, 8, 18, and 20 are now independent claims.

Claims 28-31 have been newly added to depend from claim 6, claims 32-34 have been newly added to depend from claim 8, claims 35-38 have been newly added to depend from claim 18, and claims 39-41 have been newly added to depend from claim 20.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-14, 16, 17, 19, and 21-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-14, 16, 17, 19, and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-14, 16, 17, 19, and 21-27 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 8, 18, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6, 8, 18, and 20 are so amended.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 28-31, which depend from and further limit claim 6, are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 6 is allowable as stated above.

Claims 32-34, which depend from and further limit claim 8, are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 8 is allowable as stated above.

Claims 35-38, which depend from and further limit claim 18, are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 18 is allowable as stated above.

Claims 39-41, which depend from and further limit claim 20, are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 20 is allowable as stated above.

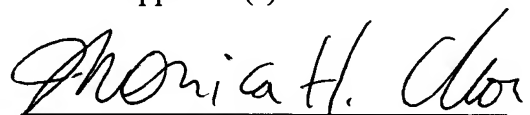
Conclusions

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Applicant(s)

Dated: November 26, 2008

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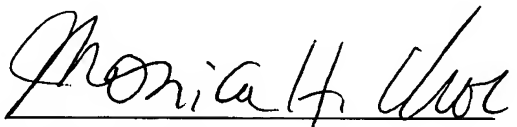


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